

Department of State
Washington Nov. 17, 1887.

D. M. Fox, Esq.

Superintendent of the Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This Department has received
the twenty gold medals forward-
ed by you on the 29th ultimo.

I have hesitated to direct
payment of the bill, because
of my inability to satisfactorily
explain why these medals
should cost $\$23 \frac{12\frac{1}{2}}{100}$ each whereas
medals of the same weight and
design

design furnished us by the
Mint in June 1885, cost only
\$20⁸⁹/₁₀₀ each. I respectfully return
the bill, therefore, thinking that
possibly a mistake has been
made in it, and have at the
same time to suggest that
the acknowledgment of payment
should be signed by yourself
and not by procuration.

I also return the certificates
you sent for my signature so
that in the event of there being
a mistake in the bill, the
certificates can be made to
correspond with the corrected
amount.

amount, and as to these I would
moreover feel much obliged if
you would have them made
out for the Department of State
instead of for me personally.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Levellon A Brown

Chief Clerk

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Department of State.
Washington D.C.

Nov. 17. 1887

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Chief Clerk.

Have hesitated to pay Bill for
20 gold medals received, because
of inability to see why these
Medals should be $23\frac{12\frac{1}{2}}{100}$
when in June 1885, medals
of same size & weight were
furnished for $\$20\frac{87}{100}$ each.
- Acknowledgment of payment
should be signed by Secy
& not by procurement.
- also - returns Certificate
to be made out for State
Dept.



All gold medals are struck from fine gold, the medals for the Department of State being in the past the only exception. As the last order for medals did not specify that standard gold, (the kind from which the last were made ~~from~~) was desired, the usual rule was followed; and they were made from fine gold which will account for the difference in cost, the fine gold being calculated @ \$20.⁶³⁵ per oz, and the standard @ \$18⁶¹ per oz — making the difference in each medal \$2²³.

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Sir:

This Department has received the twenty gold medals forwarded by you on the 29th ultimo. I have hesitated to direct payment of the bill, because of my inability to satisfactorily explain why these medals should cost \$23.12 ½ each whereas medals of the same weight and design furnished us by the Mint in June 1885, cost only \$20.89 each. I respectfully return the bill, therefore, thinking that possibly a mistake has been made in it, and have at the same time to suggest that the acknowledgement of payment should be signed by yourself and not by procuration.

I also return the certificates you sent for my signature so that in the event of there being a mistake in the bill, the certificates can be made to correspond with the corrected amount, and as to these I would moreover feel much obliged if you would have them made out for the Department of States instead of for me personally.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Sevellon A. Brown
Chief Clerk

[Enclosed note:]

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